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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND INDUSTRY,

MR. D.H. McKEE.

PETROL PERMITS.

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Details of arrangements for the issuing of fuel permits in country areas were announced today by the Minister of Labour and Industry, Mr. D.H. McKee.

The permits, which will be valid for one week from the date of issue, will be available at police stations.

Mr. McKee said that they would be issued on personal application to people in the following categories only:-

- . Wholesale meat suppliers;
- . Wholesale suppliers of perishable goods;
- . Milk vendors and milk processing plants;
- . Bread manufacturers;
- . Hospitals;
- . Ambulances;
- . Medical practitioners;
- . Fire services including E.F.S. vehicles;
- . Public transport of an essential nature.

At the discretion of the issuing officer, permits could be made available to persons or organisations who have legitimate need under the Liquid Fuel (Rationing) Act but were not specified in the list of people eligible for permits. Such additional cases could be:-

- . Conveyors of stock to abattoirs;
- . Conveyors of meat from abattoirs to butchers;
- . Farmers, for such activities as dairying, seeding, etc.
- . Veterinary Services.

The principle to be applied in issuing such permits would be the general relation of the purpose for which the petrol was required to the need for maintenance of essential services, and will only be given if the people concerned have used their existing stocks of petrol.

Mr. McKee said it would be the responsibility of employers to provide petrol from their own stocks for people employed on shift work by organisations engaged in essential services.